

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But
instead, Sinclair
chooses to force its
affiliate stations
to broadcast highly
controversial
material in an
obvious attempt to
screw an election.
If Sinclair was also
demanding that its
affiliates air
similar primetime
broadcasts of
Fahrenheit 911 and
Going Upriver, it
could be perceived
as attempting to
educate the
electorate, but the
onesided approach
taken is an obvious
misuse of media
power.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. The
FCC should take
steps to stop this
broadcast and any
other similar
misuses of the
public airwaves.

Thank you.